MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
TRANSPORTATION BUILDING
10 PARK PLAZA
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02116-3975

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for MBTA Contract No. D40CN02, **WACHUSETT EXTENSION PROJECT, WACHUSETT STATION AND LAYOVER FACILITY, FITCHBURG & WESTMINSTER MASSACHUSETTS (CLASS 1 – GENERAL TRANSIT CONSTRUCTION, PROJECT VALUE - $27,592,000)** will be received by the Director of Contract Administration at the Contract Administration Office, 6th Floor, Room 6720, Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts, 02116-3975, until two o'clock (2:00 p.m.) on **March 19, 2013**. Immediately thereafter, in a designated room, the Bids will be opened and read publicly.

Work at the new Wachusett Commuter Rail Station, Parking Lot and Development Road will be part of the base contract. Work will consist of a single 800 foot long high level platform, a platform canopy, sloped walkways and stairs for platform access, platform lighting, a variable message sign system, signage, benches, trash receptacles, retaining wall, station lead track, parking lot, milling, overlay, reshaping of existing drainage swale, clearing and grubbing, tree trimming, guardrail and fence installation, signing, pavement markings, and adjusting existing utility structures to grade.

Work at the new Wachusett Layover facility will be bid **ALTERNATE NO. 1**. Work will consist of a six track train storage yard with support facilities including parking, a Layover Building, lighting, air compressor and layover power. The project will include a lead track from the Pan Am Southern main line into the facility. The Layover will be located off Theodore Drive in the Westminster Industrial Park.

This Contract is subject to a financial assistance Contract between the MBTA and the Federal Transit Administration of U.S. Department of Transportation. FTA Participation 100 percent under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Bidders are advised to carefully review all ARRA and contract requirements prior to bidding, and to keep complete and accurate records of all spending. The successful low bidder and any of its subcontractors shall be responsible for complying with the applicable Provisions of ARRA which are incorporated herein by reference.

Each prospective bidder proposing to bid on this project must be pre-qualified in accordance with the Authority's "Procedures Governing Classification and Rating of Prospective Bidders." Copies may be obtained from the Contract Administration Office at the above address. Requests for prequalification for this Project will not be accepted by the Authority after the tenth (10th) day preceding the date set for the opening of bids.

Prequalified bidders may obtain from the Contract Administration Office a "Request for Bid Form" which must be properly filled out and submitted for approval.

Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Contract Administration Office at the address above from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., beginning on **February 15, 2013**, Monday through Friday, at no charge. Copies of the Bidding Documents will be available in electronic format (CD). Contract Specifications and Contract Drawings shall be available in portable data file (.pdf) format. If requested, Bidding Documents will be shipped for a fee of $25.00, made payable by check to MBTA. For overnight mail service, a complete mailing label, with an approved carrier account number (i.e. Federal Express), must be included. All Bidding Documents requested by check will be shipped via U.S. Postal Service. NONE OF THESE CHARGES ARE REFUNDABLE.

Bidders attention is directed to Appendix 1, Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Insure Equal Employment Opportunity; and to Appendix 2, Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity, Anti-Discrimination, and Affirmative Action Program in the specifications. In addition, pursuant to the requirements of Appendix 3, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation Provision, Bidders must submit an assurance with their Bids that they will make sufficient and reasonable efforts to meet the stated DBE goal of 18 percent.

Bidders will affirmatively ensure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this solicitation, minority and female construction contractors will be afforded full opportunity to submit Bids and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Bidders will be required to comply with Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Regulations and the President's Executive Order No. 11246 and any amendments or supplements thereto. Bidders will also be required to comply with the Governor's Executive Order No. 481, prohibiting the use of undocumented workers on State Contracts and any amendments and supplements thereto.

Authorization for the Bidders to view the site of the work on the MBTA's property shall be obtained from the **Project Manager, Paul Hadley - 500 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, MA, 02130 and phadley@mbta.com**. The Authority will conduct an inspection tour of the site on February 27, 2013. Bidders are requested to be present in front of the Wachusett Station at 55 Authority Drive, Fitchburg Massachusetts, at 10:00 a.m. to participate in the tour. After visiting Wachusett, Bidders will travel to the location of the Layover Facility located at 55 Theodore Drive, Westminster Massachusetts. Bidders are advised that they should have representation at this tour as no extra visits are planned.

A prebid conference will be held on **February 28, 2013** at **11:00 a.m.** in **the MBTA Construction Conference Room, 6th Floor, Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116.** Any request for interpretation of the Plans and Specifications should be submitted in writing at the same time.

Bidders will be required to certify as part of their bids that they are able to furnish labor that can work in harmony with all other elements of labor employed or to be employed on the work.

This Contract is subject to Federal wage and hourly laws and minimum State wage rates as well as all other applicable labor laws.

Bidders are advised that the "Buy America" provisions of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 (Pub. L-97-424) as amended, apply to any Contract, procurement or agreement which results from this solicitation.

Bid Guaranty shall consist of a bid deposit in the amount of five (5) percent of the value of the bid, in the form of a bid bond, cash, certified check, treasurer's or cashier's check.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond each for the full amount of the Contract price.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive informalities, to advertise for new Bids or proceed to do the work otherwise, as may be deemed to be in the best interests of the Authority.

The Authority reserves the right to proceed with or without the award of the Layover Facility Alternate No. 1.

This information may be viewed at the MBTA website:

http://www.mbta.com/business_center/bidding_solicitations/current_solicitations/

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Date: **February 15, 2013** By: Richard A. Davey
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